

# AmeriCorps Week



## What Is AmeriCorps Week?

AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners and friends to demonstrate AmeriCorps' impact on critical issues, bring more Americans into service, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. AmeriCorps Week shines a spotlight on AmeriCorps' impact in communities across the country in order to motivate more Americans to join AmeriCorps or volunteer in their communities. There has never been a better time to share the AmeriCorps story.

## When Is AmeriCorps Week?

The fifth annual AmeriCorps Week will take place **May 14-21, 2011.**

## What Can I Do During AmeriCorps Week?

You are encouraged to use your creativity to mark the week in any way you see fit. For example, members and alumni could conduct a roundtable with community influentials. Grantees could stage an open house, service project, or volunteer fair. Members and programs can spread the word about the power of service by writing letters to the editor, blogging about their AmeriCorps service, or inviting local officials and leaders to serve as honorary AmeriCorps members for a day.

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**Every day across the nation** AmeriCorps members are making a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing our nation. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities and country each year. It consists of three main programs: AmeriCorps State and National, whose members serve with national and local nonprofit and community groups; AmeriCorps VISTA, through which members serve full time fighting poverty; and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for young adults 18-24.

## What Do AmeriCorps Members Do?

AmeriCorps members recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers, tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build the capacity of nonprofit groups to become self-sustaining, among many other activities.

## What Benefits Do AmeriCorps Members Receive?

In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award equal to the maximum amount of the Pell Grant that can be used to pay for educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, or to pay back qualified student loans. For positions approved in 2011, the amount will be \$5,550. Awards are prorated for part-time service. Some members also receive a living allowance and health care.

## AmeriCorps Fast Facts

**706,000:** Number of people who have served as AmeriCorps members since 1994.

**860 Million:** Total number of hours served by AmeriCorps members.

**\$2 Billion:** Total amount of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members since 1994.

**2.6 Million:** Number of community volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in fiscal 2010.

**14,000:** Number of nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations served by AmeriCorps members.

**\$7.2 Billion:** Amount of AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups since 1994.